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SUBJECT: DEVA, Djafer (also Khafer, Diafer, and Khafer)

1. DEVA, Djafer is an Albanian Nationalist and a leader since October 1944 in the Kosovo movement. At that time, he was elected President of the Kosovo Committee. DEVA's rise to importance is concurrent with the German predominance in the Balkans. He is described by several sources as a German agent and "prize Quisling" and he started a pro-German movement to fight against the Partisans. At the present time he is in Italy.

2. DEVA was born in Istanbul, Turkey, in approximately 1900. There he received his education, attending the American-run Roberts College. He also studied in Austria. He speaks Albanian, Serbo-Croat, French, Turkish, some Arabic and Persian, German almost perfectly, and English fluently. By profession, he is a lumber engineer.

3. DEVA became a member of the Second League of Priaren. The League was formed in September 1943 after the Italian collapse. The League's intentions were to unite Kosovars for the defense of Kosovo against all Slavs, especially the Serbs. The group was also opposed to Partisans because of their connection with Serbs and prepared to attack Germans provided the Anglo-Americans could guarantee some means of protection for Kosovo against the Serbs.

4. DEVA immediately became a member of the National Committee set up by the Germans when they occupied Albania. When a government was established under Rexhep MITROVICA in November 1943 at Tirana, Subject was appointed Minister of Interior in the Cabinet. He resigned in January 1944. By July 1944, the MITROVICA government had been replaced by the Cabinet of Fiqri DINE who acted as his own Minister of the Interior. German interest, however, demanded return of DEVA to this post, and he was accepted but under strong opposition.

5. DINE resigned 7 September 1944 and was succeeded by Ibrahim BICAKU whose government dissolved during the period of the gradual withdrawal of German troops from Albania. From that point on the FNC (left wing) organizations assumed complete control. Meanwhile, Subject claims that he joined armed elements of the Kosovo in resisting forces occupying the region under Russian orders.

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When large scale resistance became impossible, Subject withdrew to Austria where he collaborated with Austrian friends working for the German Abwehr. At that time, according to statements by the Subject, the Abwehr contemplated dropping him with a W/T operator in the Sar Planina mountains.

6. A report states that DEVA left Albania in November 1944 and went to Vienna and then probably escaped to Turkey where he had been educated. Another report states that from Source's knowledge and reports received on 25 October 1947, DEVA was then living in Turkey. Subject arrived in Damascus in January 1948 and between 5 and 18 April 1948, Subject was in Cairo, Egypt, at the invitation of King ZOG. There he and King ZOG discussed the problem of incorporating Kosovo into Albania. At another meeting in Alexandria, Egypt, on 12 August 1948, Subject attended as a representative of the Kosovo Group for the formation of another Albanian anti-Communist organization which would free Albania from the Soviet domination. Subject was reported to be still in Cairo, Egypt, as of 9 December 1948.

*Was in
Palomares
Oct 48*

7. DEVA was in Italy and in contact with Italian Intelligence in early 1949.